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As a worker in the technology industry, I am disappointed in the proposed remedies in the Microsoft case. Microsoft will not cease it's anti-competitive behavior voluntarily, and is continuing to enter markets with inferior products, using it's dominant market position to eliminate competition in those markets (see the current PDA wars). When Internet Explorer was introduced, it was very inferior to the current market leader (Netscape Navigator). Microsoft then proceeded to give their product away (Can anyone say "predatory pricing"?) with the sole goal of eliminating Netscape so they can dictate how the internet is used. If they end up owning 95% of the browser market, as they do the desktop market now, they can ignore internet standards and become a standard unto themselves (which is already happening). Also, the one competing consumer platform, the Apple Macintosh Operating System, is said to only survive due to Microsoft Office being developed for that platform. In short, Microsoft is no longer concerned about competing, nor just profit, but control. The company should be broken up into at least two separate companies, with Explorer being stripped out of the OS and put into the hands of the Applications group. Yes, Judge Jackson's ruling was a good remedy. If anything less punitive occurs, Microsoft will continue laughing all the way to the bank. What the Justice Department is trying to settle for is an inadequate and ignorant solution.

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